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In re Application of ARNVIDARSON
U.S. Application No.: 09/830,558
Int. Application No.: PCT/DK99/00606
Int. Filing Date: 05 November 1999
Priority Date: 05 November 1998
Attorney Docket No.: P66611US0

For: A SYSTEM FOR REGULATING THE
HANDLING OF MILK DURING THE
MILKING PROCESS AND A METHOD FOR
REGULATING SAID MILKING PROCESS

COMMUNICATION

This is in response to applicant's "Response to Communication" filed 09 October 2001 and "Supplemental Response to Communication" filed 05 November 2001.

BACKGROUND

On 05 November 1999, applicant filed international application PCT/DK99/00606, which claimed priority of an earlier Denmark application filed 05 November 1998. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 18 May 2000. A Demand for international preliminary examination, in which the United States was elected, was filed on 31 May 2000, prior to the expiration of nineteen months from the priority date. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 07 May 2001 (05 May 2001 was a Saturday).

On 07 May 2001, applicants filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1) and an executed declaration.

On 07 August 2001, this Office mailed a communication which indicated that the sole inventor is listed in the declaration as Borkur Arnvidarson while the sole inventor is listed on the international application as Martin Glensbjerg.

DISCUSSION

The DO/EO/US has received a Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306) from the International Bureau which indicates that Borkur Arnvidarson is the inventor. Therefore, the declaration filed 07 May 2001 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497.

CONCLUSION

The application has an International Filing Date of 05 November 1999 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371 of 07 May 2001.

The application will be forwarded to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this communication.



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